



## Next week- Week 2/B

**Attendance reporting procedures** Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

## Safeguarding

Please find a [link](#) that provides useful tips on exam self care as the exam season approaches.

## Anxiety and Attendance Workshop

We still have places on our anxiety and attendance workshop this Wednesday 26 March from 9.30am to 11.00am. This is run by Dacorum Family Services and offers strategies and support for parents/carers of children who are struggling to come into school. All are welcome to attend. For more information and to book a place please email [ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

## Spring Chill Concert

Well done to all the students who took part in the fantastic Spring Chill concert on Thursday evening. What a wonderful way to welcome the warmer weather!

## Maths Workshop

Ben Sparks delivered 'Magical Maths' workshops to KS3 students. They learnt to algebraically prove the 1089 trick, as well as how to cube root very large numbers extremely fast without a calculator. Students were encouraged to put their own individual spin on the magic tricks and try them out on family and friends.

## Character

### Ashlyns Care Home Visit

As part of a new pilot scheme, a group of Year 10 students visited Ashlyns Care Home to spend time with residents. Through meaningful conversations and shared experiences, they demonstrated compassion, respect, and active listening, making a real impact on the residents, who expressed how much they valued the visit. The students showed maturity and social awareness, building connections across generations and proving the importance of community engagement and kindness in everyday life.

## Learning Ambassadors

Year 8 and 9 Learning Ambassadors demonstrated fantastic leadership, patience, and communication skills as they taught a Year 2 class at Westfield how to share amounts into different ratios using cubes. The Year 2 students loved exploring a brand-new topic, and the class teacher was full of praise for the ambassadors' enthusiasm, adaptability, and kindness in supporting younger students. Through engaging the Year 2s in mathematical conversations and guiding them through ratio division, they not only deepened their own understanding but also showed great responsibility and teamwork—true role models of our school values.

## Key Dates

- 7-18 Apr: Easter Holiday
- 21 Apr: Bank Holiday, School Closed
- 22 Apr: First Day of Term

## Next Week

### Autumn/Winter Lunch

### Menu: Week 3

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
33497	33227	35196	35144
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
21/03/2025			

## Vacancies

- [Teacher of Technology](#)
- [Second in Technology](#)
- [Teacher of Science](#)

## DSPL8

Please click here for the DSPL8 Summer Newsletter, with information on upcoming support workshops.

## ASA News

### QUIZ

Good luck to all those going tonight! Cakes for the auction (homemade or store bought) can still be donated at the event itself. No nuts and an ingredients list will be needed please.

## NEW2YOU UNIFORM

Donations needed! We're running especially low on blazers and skirts. Please donate at the school office or 67a Kings Road. New2You uniform enquiries can be made at [asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

## Careers

### KPMG Virtual Work Experience Day

Explore career opportunities in business, finance, accounting, and professional services while developing key employability skills.

Date: Monday, 14th April

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual (join from anywhere)

Who Can Attend? Year 11, 12 and 13 students

Please register [here](#).

### Easter STEM Virtual Work Experience with Spectris PLC

Explore a career in engineering, science and everything STEM. Gain invaluable work experience with multiple global FTSE companies. Wednesday, 16th of April from 9am - 3pm. Please register [here](#).

## Sporting Achievements

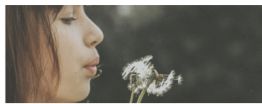
This week saw the end of a successful netball season for our netball teams, with a particular highlight that teams in all six year groups reached the District Cup finals. 10A took all the district honours available in their year group: the league, the District Cup, and the District Versatility Tournament, while 9A won their league and the District Versatility Tournament. 7B were winners of the District Plate. A fantastic season of competition at every level for all of our teams!

Our U16 girls' football team progressed to the County Cup Final with a win over Herts and Essex - an amazing achievement! We look forward to cheering them on in the final.

## Sports Results

Year 7 Netball District Versatility Tournament	7A - 2nd 7B - 3rd
Year 8 Netball District Versatility Tournament	8A - 3rd 8B - 5th in group
Year 9 Netball District Versatility Tournament	9A - District Champions 9B - 3rd in group
Year 10 Netball District Versatility Tournament	10A - District Champions 10B - 5th
Y10B Boys Football vs KLS	Lost 7-3
Y7 Boys Indoor Athletics County Finals	11th
U16 Girls Football vs Herts & Essex County Cup Semi Final	Won 1-0
U18 Boys Football vs Aylesbury Grammar School	Lost 4-3
Y10 Boys Football vs Tring	TBC
Y7A&B Boys Football vs Tring	7A - TBC 7B - TBC
Y8 Boys Football vs JFK	TBC

## Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston: School PIN 4989



[Happiness Checklist](#)



[My Wellbeing Journal](#)



[A-Z of Wellbeing Tips](#)

This week on 20th March, we celebrate UN International Day of Happiness. The day recognises the importance and relevance of happiness as a goal and it also seeks to encourage equitable economic growth that promotes the wellbeing of all peoples.

So much of what we do as adults in the lives of children is aimed at promoting their happiness, but we also know it isn't always easy to achieve or sustain.

Happiness is linked to cognitive flexibility, which is a learned skill. Tooled Up has a number of resources to help you to support your child's wellbeing and emotional literacy so that they can reflect and work on their own happiness.

A great place to start for children of all ages is for them to consider the different aspects of their wellbeing. Our [Happiness Checklist](#) activity will help them identify the positives and any gaps where things could be better.

For teenagers, [My Wellbeing Journal](#) provides a tool to encourage reflection on experiences and achievements in order to build resilience. Completed over a two-week period, the activity helps children to develop and maintain a positive mindset and improve wellbeing.

The [A-Z of Tooled Up Tips for Supporting Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) showcases 26 evidence based key tips. The resource includes links to a host of webinars, podcasts and activities available on the Tooled Up platform to help in everyday family life.

### [April 4, 2025, 13:00 -13:30 GMT](#)

Join us for a live Q&A with Professor Adam Fox, an expert in Paediatric allergies. Adam will be with us for 30 minutes to answer any questions you have on allergies including what allergic reactions look like and how to respond. He will also cover the key things you need to know about allergens, and much more.